



## James Pensabene

February 28, 1965 - July 21, 2020

James Pensabene, 55 of Manalapan, New Jersey died on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at Centra State Medical Center in Freehold, New Jersey.

Born Sunday, February 28, 1965 in Brooklyn, New York, James was the son of Dominick Pensabene and the late Margaret Pensabene.

James was raised in Brooklyn. He would go on to graduate from Lafayette High School, and attend Brooklyn College. After graduating from Brooklyn College he would begin a career in accounting. It was during his high school years James would meet the love of his life, the former Mary Schiano. The couple would marry, eventually moving to Staten Island where they would start a family of their own. They would settle in Manalapan soon after. James continued his career as an accountant working with Key Food Co-op, Inc. in Matawan. In his spare time James enjoyed gardening, fishing, watching his NY Mets and NY Giants, and cooking. He especially enjoyed cooking for his family who were his life. He was a loving and caring man and will be missed by all those that were blessed to have had him in their lives.

James was predeceased by his mother, Margaret (Peggy)

James is survived by his beloved wife of 29 years Mary, by his loving children, Brittany, Kaitlin, and James, by his loving father, Dominick Pensabene, by his

caring siblings, Dominick 'Danny' Pensabene, Anthony Pensabene, Patricia Catoire, and Theresa Prestia, and by his caring brothers in law, Louis Schiano, Frank Schiano, and James Schiano.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday at St. Thomas More Church located at 186 Gordons Corner Rd Manalapan Township, New Jersey 07726.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sunday, July 26, 2020, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

In lieu of flowers, the Pensabene family asks that donations to the American Cancer Society are made in memory of James.

Due to the current phase of reopenings during the COVID-19 pandemic there are a maximum of 60 people allowed in the Funeral Home. Please after paying your respects to the family we ask that you limit your time spent inside to allow for other friends and family to pay their respects.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 26. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service  
3377 US Highway 9  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857  
(732) 679-4422  
hegartyfh@scaliahome.com  
<https://www.hegartyscaliafuneralhome.com>

## Service

JUL 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas More Church  
186 Gordons Corner Rd  
Manalapan Township, NJ 07726

## Service

JUL 27. 11:15 AM (ET)

Marlboro Memorial Cemetery  
361 HWY 79  
Morganville, NJ 07751

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James Pensabene*



**Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service** - July 26, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ *James Pensabene*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Luke Rafferty And Family lit a candle in memory of James Pensabene*



**Luke Rafferty and Family** - November 11, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ *Rebecca Ashworth lit a candle in memory of James Pensabene*



**Rebecca Ashworth** - July 28, 2020 at 10:13 AM

VP

“ I had the distinct pleasure of working with Chemosabi for years. Truly the Famiky man, and great mentor. Great times with you. Will be missed!

VP

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VP - July 27, 2020 at 06:22 PM

FS

“ I had the good fortune to work with James for a number of years. Aside from his hard work and dedication he was truly someone you enjoyed being around and working with each day. Hardly a day went by that James did not have something great to say or share about his family and you would immediately sense what was most important in his life! He was a good soul and will be truly missed. My heartfelt condolences to his wife, kids and entire family.

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Frank Squeri - July 27, 2020 at 02:51 PM

RO

“ I worked with James for almost 10 years. The love he had for his wife Mary and the kids was second to none! His quick wit and cleaver sense of humor was amazing. James loved the ponie's especially the Preakness Stakes race at Pimlico. He was our between race "unpaid handicapper" full of advice but always the disclaimer..... caveat emptor. Love you like a brother and my heartfelt condolences to Mary and the family.

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Roland - July 27, 2020 at 01:16 PM

DS

“ I had the pleasure of working with James for many years here at Pritchard. James was an all around great guy who always looked at the good in people and did his best to make everyone feel comfortable; James had a great sense of humor and a real family man and I just want to express my sincere condolences to his entire family.

David Strupinsky - July 27, 2020 at 08:20 AM

DR

“ Thoughts and prayers to the James family. Worked with him for many years at Pritchard. He was a great man always there to help. RIP my friend.

DONALD RANKIN - July 26, 2020 at 07:29 PM

PS

“ Love from Texas. Worked with James for several years and enjoyed every minute, a true class act. He often spoke proudly of his family and will certainly be missed by all. Our best to you.

*Peter Sperduti*

Peter Sperduti - July 26, 2020 at 05:28 PM



Michelle Chmara

“ We've had so many years of cousin's parties so many memories and laughs this picture is from one of our best parties.....we will miss you deeply.



Michelle Chmara - July 25, 2020 at 10:15 PM

DB

“ Our deepest and heartfelt condolences from the Benvenuto Family. May Jimmy play now on the big high bar in heaven. May he be free of all pain and fly with the angels. We will miss you .

Doreen Benvenuto - July 25, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ 112 files added to the album Life Tributes



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - July 25, 2020 at 03:19 PM

*Well, it has been almost 13 months since my brother Jimmy has left this temporary home to go to our forever home. He is still missed as we all continue to experience this huge hole in our hearts.*

*Growing up with Jimmy was a blessing. He was one of 2-big brothers who I was always proud to call my big brother. I felt protected because his reputation preceded him. When I told people my name, they all knew my brothers. It often made me feel safe because no one dared to mess with me out of fear of reprisal from my big brothers.*

*At times, like in grammar school, it did not 'always' work in my favor to say my name to teachers as they would often look at me and ask, "Your brother's are Danny and Jimmy?" ( Anthony came after me so he did not have a chance to impact the teacher's perspective.) In those instances, their reputations probably made my life just a 'wee bit' more difficult.*

*Jimmy had an adventurous spirit and I would dare say a little reckless at times. He definitely added a few grey hairs to my mother's head.*

*Recently, as I have been looking through pictures, I noticed how many pictures there are of all 5 of us together in our yard just being kids together. Life was simpler then, and we had so much fun together. So much fun just being kids. And, so much of life to look forward to.*

*As the years passed, as we were busy attaining personal goals, as we watched our children grow, we always stayed connected and shared as much of our lives as we could. Holidays together, vacations together, parties, dinners, phone calls, through bad and good times we knew we could count on each other. "What a blessing God has given us."*

*God has given us a family, a history, a love for each other, and memories that many people unfortunately never get, do not value, or recklessly throw away. But 'this family,' and 'this sister,' will never throw any of it away. Not the memories, the love, the history, or the bond that can not be broken when one of them is no longer present in the body. Well, as we know, Jimmy has gone on to enjoy the presence of God, "the man upstairs" he would say when we talked about God. He was not afraid because as he told me, " If I don't beat this, I know where I am going."*

*Jimmy definitely lived his life on his own terms. He made decisions, was confident in his decisions, and did not apologize for them. He was an amazing husband, father, son, friend, and sibling who valued family and knew how to enjoy his family and life.*

*So 13-months later, when I remember the childhood memories, when I remember how we were God-parents for each others children, when I remember how he used to say, "Hi sis," when I think of the big crazy hat he wore to the beach and his big smile, when I remember him trying to spare his loved ones of the severity of his condition and the magnitude of his battle, when I think of my big brother, often as eyes are tearing up, I remember his relationship with God, I remember his adventurous spirit, and I look forward to when he will greet me at the gates of heaven.*

*I look forward to us once again having "so much fun" together. However, this time we will be in the presence of God. Life will once again be simpler, but this time we will have no more sorrow, mourning, or pain. I am sure Jimmy's adventurous spirit will have us walking on water and dancing on waves with our precious Lord and Savior. Again, we will have "so much of life to look forward to," only this time it will be for eternity in the new heaven and the new earth.*

*" Jim, do me a favor, try and tone it down a little so when I do enter our forever "True" home I don't have to deal with hearing, "Jimmy is your brother?" followed by the same disconcerting look I often had to see from the grammar school teachers. xoxo*

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**Patricia Catoire** - August 11, 2021 at 10:22 PM